

MIDDLE EAST SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONAL UPDATES

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Marken, UPS Healthcare Precision Logistics, continues to closely monitor the evolving Middle East situation, where airspace closures, flight suspensions, and regional disruptions affect supply chain logistics.

We are Ready-Now: While geopolitical disruptions constrain others, Marken stays fully operational, delivering precision solutions that safeguard patient safety and product integrity at every step.

Marken is closely monitoring the global situation and will share updates as available.

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Ongoing conflict involving Iran and Israel have triggered widespread airspace restrictions and no-fly zones over parts of the Middle East.
- Multiple airlines and integrators have suspended or rerouted flights via the Gulf and Levant, particularly on the Asia-Middle East-Europe corridor, increasing transit times and reducing capacity for time-sensitive cargo.
- Major ocean carriers have paused transits through the Strait of Hormuz and continue to limit Suez Canal/Red Sea activity, rerouting ships around the Cape of Good Hope.
- Shippers are advised by leading freight forwarders to plan for longer lead times, confirm bookings early, and share detailed forecasts to secure capacity and adjust safety stocks.

If you have questions about a specific shipment or our operations in a particular area, please contact your local Marken branch or your business development professional.

APAC REGION (ASIA-PACIFIC)



CHINA / NORTH ASIA



INDIA / SOUTH ASIA



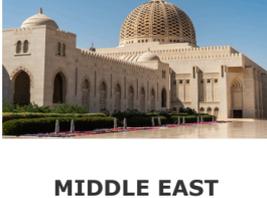
SOUTHEAST ASIA (SINGAPORE, THAILAND, VIETNAM)

- Flights previously via Middle East to Europe re-timed/rerouted via northerly/southerly paths.
- Increased flight times; occasional last-minute schedule changes.
- Ocean services via Arabian Sea/Gulf hit by diversions/security measures.
- Air cargo through Gulf hubs sees capacity tightening/schedule variability.
- Local operations stable; long-haul to Europe/North America impacted via Middle East overflights/hubs.

EMEA REGION (EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA)



EUROPE



MIDDLE EAST



AFRICA

- Ports/airports face schedule shifts from longer Asia voyages, Middle East-avoiding air paths.
- Tighter capacity on some lanes.
- Airspace restrictions/security lead to airline suspensions, reroutes, consolidations.
- Ocean carriers pause Strait of Hormuz; manage regional port calls cautiously.
- Middle East hub routings see schedule/capacity changes.
- East Africa Red Sea/Suez trades face extended transits.

Additional Regional Updates:

- **Bahrain (Closed):** Airspace and airports remain suspended.
- **Israel (Closed):** Airspace restrictions ongoing; limited civilian flights to select European cities.
- **Jordan (Open/Limited):** Limited to Royal Jordanian (RJ) for Amman flights. Schedules aligned with partial daily closures (06:00 p.m.–09:00 a.m. local) extended beyond March 3.
- **Kuwait (Closed):** Airspace and airports remain suspended.
- **Saudi Arabia (Open/Limited):** Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam operational with reduced export frequencies. Capacity strained from Gulf hub suspensions (transits via DXB/DOH/AUH/BH halted except limited repatriation).
- **Lebanon (Open/Limited):** Beirut operational with reduced schedules, mainly Middle East Airlines (MEA); airspace open.
- **Egypt (Open):** Airports operational but reduced; transit times extended from rerouting/cancellations.
- **UAE (Partially Open):** Controlled corridor access resumed; most transits still blocked. Pharma shipments held in secure storage. Etihad (EY) and Emirates (EK) resume limited flights - EK running repatriation/freighters alongside partial schedules.
- **Qatar (Closed):** Hamad restricted to humanitarian/state flights; shipments stored safely. Suspensions extended beyond March 6. Qatar Airways will resume operations once the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority announces the safe reopening of Qatari airspace by the relevant authorities.
- **Oman (Open):** Near-normal operations; Oman Air limited, others (Qatar, Emirates, Etihad) heavily restricted.

LATIN & CENTRAL AMERICA REGIONS

While Latin and Central American operations are not at the epicenter of the Middle East crisis, they are affected indirectly via global capacity constraints and network imbalances, particularly on Asia/Europe-LATAM flows that rely on shared long-haul aircraft and ocean capacity.

- Ocean shipments that would normally transit via Suez or Gulf routes may experience longer transit times and reduced schedule reliability due to diversions around the Cape of Good Hope, vessel bunching, and intermittent port congestion in Europe.
- Airfreight accessing Latin America via European or Middle Eastern hubs may be subject to scheduling adjustments, longer routings, and short-term capacity shortages as carriers avoid or reduce use of affected Middle East airspace and hubs.

NORTH AMERICA REGION

North American operations remain stable, but are indirectly affected by the same global capacity, routing, and rate dynamics seen in other regions. More flights are avoiding Middle East airspace, and ocean carriers diverting aircraft from Asia and Europe are still dealing with the knock-on effects of Red Sea/Suez diversions and Gulf security concerns.

MARKEN'S ONGOING RESPONSE & COMMITMENT TO PATIENTS

Marken Prioritizes Patient Safety, Product Integrity, and Data Quality Above All.

When Middle East routings disrupt, we execute rigorous risk assessments evaluating carrier options, transit times, and lane-specific security—to deploy alternative global solutions: rerouted ocean services, hybrid air-sea/air-ground/UPS network pathways, and stable hub connections that protect study timelines despite delays.



Our Proactive Disruption Response

- 24/7 monitoring of airline suspensions, airspace closures, and schedule changes.
- Partner coordination to triage and recover cold chain shipments.
- Alternative routings/carriers for time/temperature-critical cargo (with transparent TAT updates).
- Continuous communication on routing, collections, and constraints.
- Origin facility/vendor/airline sync for rapid recovery, secure storage, and re-icing.

We're Here to Support You

Marken's self-supporting UPS network and proven mitigation strategies ensure business continuity. This dynamic situation receives constant 24/7 oversight—contact your local representative or info@marken.com for immediate support.

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